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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AMSTERDAM-NEW YORK FARE DROPS TO UNDER ONE
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1. WITH MINIMUM RATES ON CHARTER FLIGHTS TO THE U.S. SUSPENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 14, THE PRICE WAR ON NORTH ATLANTIC FARES HAS NOW FORCED THE ONE-WAY TARIFF BELOW ONE DOLLAR. REACTING TO TRANSPORT STATE SECRETARY SMIT'S DECISION JUNE 27 TO ABOLISH THE MINIMUM UNTIL SEPT. 14, ONE TOUR OPERATOR, KOSTER GEFAU, WHOSE HEAD OFFICE IS IN SWITZERLAND, OFFERED A STANDBY FARE OF ONE GUILDER (FORTYTHREE CENTS AMERICAN) BETWEEN AMSTERDAM AND THE U.S. IF CHARTER FLIGHTS HAVE EMPTY SEATS. (THE CIVIL AVIATION SERVICE MADE THIS POSSIBLE LAST APRIL WHEN IT LIBERALIZED DUTCH CHARTER REGULATIONS BY ALLOWING COMPANIES TO FILL UP TO 10 PERCENT OF THEIR FLIGHTS WITH LAST-MINUTE SUBSTITUTES.)

2. A CIVIL AVIATION SERVICE OFFICIAL EXPRESSED CONCERN TO US ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS SINCE PAN AMERICAN WAS ALLOWED TO INITIATE ITS LOW, 50-DOLLAR ONE-WAY FARE BETWEEN AMSTERDAM
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AND BOSTON. HE SAID THAT THE SHIFT FROM CHARTERS TO SCHEDULED FLIGHTS WAS SO PRONOUNCED THIS SUMMER THAT EFFORTS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE TO ACHIEVE EITHER A MORE STABLE REGIME OR NO REGIME AT ALL. ASKED WHAT HE MEANT, HE ASKED US NOT TO MISINTERPRET HIS WORDS ON A REGIME AS A DESIRE TO GO BACK TO WHAT EXISTED BEFORE THE MARCH PROTOCOL BUT OTHERWISE FAILED TO OFFER ANY CLARIFICATION.

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